



PATENT & TRADEMARK
DIVISION

PATENT APPLICATION

#307

In re the Application of
Akio MATSUNAGA et al.

2005/1PR-3 11:03
\$100

ATTN:

Refund Section
Accounting Div.
Office of Finance

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of
PCT/IB03/03258

Docket No.: 122544

10/523640

Filed: February 4, 2005

For: EGR CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION
ENGINE

REQUEST FOR REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of a Monthly Statement of Deposit Account (dated February, 2005) showing a charge for a total of \$100.00 related to the above-referenced application. This charge is marked with Fee Code 1633 and Fee Code 8021,, which is the Patent Office Fee for National Stage Examination Fee and Assignment Recordation Fee. However, these charges are improper, and should be refunded.

The above-identified PCT-U.S. National Stage patent application was filed on February 4, 2005. The application was filed together with the required U.S. Basic National Fee, Search Fee, and Examination Fee, as well as a copy of the PCT International Search Report.

Effective February 1, 2005, and with applicability to all international applications entering the U.S. National Stage on or after December 8, 2004, the Search Fee was reduced from \$500 to \$400 for all such applications in which the International Search Report was provided to the USPTO no later than the time at which the search fee was paid. See Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 20, pp. 5053-5055 (February 1, 2005), and amended 37 C.F.R. §1.492(b)(2). Because a copy of the International Search Report was filed with the application papers, it was "provided to the Office no later than the time at which the search fee [was] paid" and so the applicable search fee for this application was \$400, not the \$500 that was paid.

4/8

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the \$100 fee reduction be refunded, and credited to Deposit Account No. 15-0461 and that the Patent Office acknowledge this credit in writing.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Thomas J. Pardini
Registration No. 30,411

JAO:TJP/mps

Date: April 5, 2005

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461

Reg'n. Ref: 06/13/2005 RWHITE1 0012004100
DAB:150461 Name/Number:10523640
FC: 9204 \$100.00 CR

Adjustment date: 06/13/2005 RWHITE1
02/14/2005 MKAYPAGH 00000024 10523640
02 FC:1632 -500.00 OP

06/13/2005 RWHITE1 00000005 10523640
01 FC:1642 400.00 OP



Deposit Account Statement

Requested Statement Month: February 2005
Deposit Account Number: 150461
Name: OLIFF & BERRIDGE P L C
Attention: BARBARA WATTS
Address: 277 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22314

DATE	SEQ	POSTING REF TXT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NBR	FEE CODE	AMT
02/14	103	10523640	122544	1633	\$60.00
02/14	105	10523640	122544	8021	\$40.00